

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 6-20, 22-28, 30-33, 37-51, 53-59 and 61-64 are considered in the Office action.

Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 11-20, 22-28, 30-33, 37-40, 42-51, 53-59 and 61-62 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over various combinations of previously cited references.

Claims 10 and 41 have been objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 63 and 64 have been allowed.


Reply

Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 9, 30, 32, 33 and 40, and have cancelled claims 8, 10, 20, 22, 39, 41, 51 and 53 without prejudice. In particular, applicants have: (1) amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 8 and 10; (2) amended claim 32 to include the limitations of claims 39 and 41; and (3) made cosmetic amendments to claims 2, 9, 30, 33 and 40. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-2, 6-7, 9, 11-19, 23-28, 30-33, 37-38, 40, 42-50, 54-59 and 61-64 are now allowable.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicants submit that this application, including amended claims 1-2, 6-7, 9, 11-19, 23-28, 30-33, 37-38, 40, 42-50, 54-59 and 61-64, is allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner allow this application.

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